

## KILLED HUSBAND BY USING ACID TO SPOIL HIS LOOKS

Wife of Frank Sokolowsky  
Arrested After Month  
of Wandering.

TELLS OF JEALOUS FIT  
Says She Wanted to Keep  
Labor Leader Away From  
Other Women.

Teartfully declaring that she wanted only to disfigure her husband to make him less attractive to other women, Mrs. Alexandra Sokolowsky, a comely young woman, told last night at Police Headquarters how she poured carbolic acid on the face of her husband, Frank Sokolowsky, organizer for the American Federation of Labor and ardent of a Russian union, as he lay sleeping in their home in New Haven. He died in torment a few minutes afterward.

The woman, dark complexioned, weighing scarcely a hundred pounds and seemingly younger than her actual age, 28, frequently interrupted her long story to cry. "I would rather have killed myself. I would rather have killed myself. Just to disfigure him, so that he would stay home with me. That was all. I wanted him myself."

Her arrest yesterday, more than a month after the New Haven police had distributed notice of a picture of her description of her husband, was suspected and kept eyesight of Detective John Petrizzo.

Petrizzo was familiar with the story of the killing of Sokolowsky on June 25. The man was a real power among the workers in many Eastern cities, including Port Chester, Waterbury, Buffalo and various Jersey industrial towns. He was a linguist of great ability and a speaker who knew how to sway his listeners to his purpose. His death had caused a great furor among union men, and although his wife was suspected, there was much mystery surrounding his sudden death.

### She Found Woman's Letters.

Yesterday afternoon police business called Petrizzo and his partner, Detective Salvo Repetto, of the Central Office force, to 155th street. Half automatically Petrizzo was glancing from face to face in the crowded avenue. He saw a woman who was looking at him. Suddenly his eye fell upon a short, slender woman with swarthy yet comely features, her eyes shielded with light brown lenses. Something in the face evoked memories. He stopped and fumbled among his papers. From a card with picture and description of the Sokolowsky woman the face leaped out at him again, but minus the brown spectacles.

Telling Repetto of his suspicions he hastily followed and stopped her. When he asked her name she demanded to know who he was and why he dared to stop her. He handed her the card from the New Haven police.

"Do you know that woman?" he asked.

The woman's anger wilted to despair. "I might as well tell the truth," she said. "That's me."

When she reached Police Headquarters she told the whole story with little urging, according to the detectives. She said she was born in Russia, and had met and married Sokolowsky in 1914. For three years she was happy. They had one daughter, Aldona, now 5 years old. Then her husband began to stay away a day, sometimes a week at a time. She heard various rumors that he was consorting with other women. They quarrelled, but conditions continued unchanged.

His more or less itinerant life as a labor organizer brought him to New Haven early last June. A day or so after their arrival she found two letters in his pocket. She knew they were from a woman, although she could not read English. She took them to her room. They were love letters, written by a woman in Brooklyn. She said nothing to her husband, but a day later he paid a flying visit to New York.

Dependent, she brooded over the matter. She realized, she said, that her husband was a very handsome man, and for that reason attractive to other women. If she could do something to make him less good looking, so she reasoned in her depression, he would stay at home and pay more attention to her. She thought of the carbolic acid she had in the house, but lacked courage to use it.

### Feared a Divorce.

Two weeks later, when she insisted on accompanying him to New York in a new automobile he had purchased, he brought her to call on a woman who lived in Brooklyn. Although her husband and this woman were merely courteous to each other, she perceived by keen observation, she said, that they were on very intimate terms. Her jealousy flamed. Later another letter came to him, and this time when she stole it he missed it. A man friend she had seen in New York had warned her husband might divorce her and go to the Brooklyn woman, a widow. On June 2 he left the house furious because he was unable to find the letter.

He returned after the next morning and repulsed her crossly when she asked where he had been. They quarrelled and then went to bed.

"At 3 o'clock I woke up," she said, according to the detectives. "The feeling that he didn't care for me, and that I must keep him home returned to me. He was too handsome, too attractive. I got up and went to the medicine closet. I poured the acid into a glass. He was still asleep when I returned to the bedroom. I threw the acid into his face. He woke screaming and claving his face. I was terrified and ran out of the house in my nightdress. After the screams stopped I went back in. He was lying motionless on the floor. I thought he was sick. I spoke to him, but he didn't answer. I ran out again, and this time I found a man who said he was a doctor. He came and looked at Frank and said he was dead."

"Hastily I got dressed and left Aldona, who was crying, with the people up stairs. I ran away, fearing the police would get me."

### Motor Law Chief

SEIZED FOR SPEEDING

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## GIRL'S PICTURE CLUE TO SUICIDE'S IDENTITY

Newark Police Seeking Relatives  
of Capt. Enos.

The Newark authorities spent yesterday seeking the relatives of a man believed to be Capt. Sherman P. Enos of Brooklyn, who killed himself Saturday night by swallowing poison. His body was taken to the morgue to await identification.

Enos, if that is his name, collapsed at Plane and New streets, a small phial gripped in one hand and the picture of an unusually pretty woman in the other. Before he died he asked that the picture be buried with him.

Letters in the man's pockets stated he lived at 195 Stockholm street, but he was not known there. There was a small notice containing the name, and address of twenty women. These the police refused to make public. In an envelope was a recent showing that "Sherman Enos" once lived at 9 West Fourteenth street and some scribbling on a card directed that Max Enos of 1270 Broadway be notified if the bearer met with an accident.

The picture is believed to be that of Greta Cholmondeley Enos. Her address was given as 110 Madison avenue, but she was not known there.

## BLAST IN DYE WORKS ROCKS CONEY ISLAND

Three Men Hurt; Wreck Due to Explosion in Vat.

An explosion in a steam vat blew a big hole in the side wall of the two story factory building of the Radiant Dye and Color Works, 2357 West Twenty-first street, Coney Island, just after midnight this morning and otherwise wrecked the interior of the plant. The blast shook the island and caused great excitement for a time. An alarm of fire was turned in and the rush of the apparatus through the streets attracted hundreds of late stayers at the beach resort to the plant, but there was no fire.

Three men in the building at the time were blown against the walls by the force of the explosion and needed treatment for cuts and bruises by Dr. Robinson of Coney Island Hospital before they were able to go home. They were Luigi Perrino, 24, 148 West Avenue; Thomas Evaro, 31, 2316 West Fifteenth street, Coney Island, and August Merz, 45, 1627 Gates avenue, Brooklyn.

## BATHING SUIT BAN DISAPPOINTS 50,000

Long Beach Has Record Crowd, but Police Spoil Fun.

Fifty thousand persons, almost a record crowd for the resort, visited Long Beach yesterday. For the most part it was a disappointed crowd, for the majority was drawn there in the hope that the one piece bathing suit was to hold sway on the beach. Early last week the police said they had no objection to the one piece suit, either on men or women. Later they changed their minds, after thinking the matter over.

Evidently there were several thousand persons who believed that the police might reverse themselves again and in that case they intended to be on hand to see whatever was to be seen. They saw some excitement anyway, for a score of movie bathing girls went down with a band and paraded along the sands.

## KNIGHTS FLOCK IN FOR CONVENTION

Sessions Open To-morrow With Cathedral Mass.

The Knights of Columbus, meeting in supreme convention to discuss world-wide plans for extension of the educational, relief and welfare work begun during the war, began to arrive at the Hotel Commodore yesterday. The convention will open to-morrow with a 9 o'clock mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, at which Archbishop John Bonzano, the Papal Delegate, will be the celebrant. The California delegates, the first arrivals, reached the city yesterday.

During the afternoon the supreme board of directors met in executive session at the Commodore. Suggestions for extending the work of the order to China were presented by Joseph E. Doyle of Shanghai. Reports were received regarding the activities in Mexico.

The convention has been shortened to close Thursday, when the K. of C. pilgrimage sails for France. In connection with the latter event it was announced that Marshal Foch has sent a message of greeting in the form of an autographed portrait inscribed "To James A. Fiabery, chief of the Knights of Columbus who serve America and honor France."

A reconstruction exhibition, with a model of the Lafayette statue to be presented to France during the pilgrimage, will be opened this morning.

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## JEALOUSY BLAMED FOR ARENAS SUICIDE

Movie Actress's Life Saved by Feigning Death When Shot by Dentist.

All mystery regarding the manner in which Dr. Jose A. Arenas, a young dentist of South American birth, met his death at 116 West Seventeenth street on Saturday evening, was cleared away yesterday afternoon.

After the performance of an autopsy at the Morgue Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, Deputy County Medical Examiner, said that beyond a doubt the case was one of suicide, even though three shots had been fired into the dentist's body.

He explained that one of the bullets which had grazed his heart would not have affected him seriously and that another had merely struck a rib and rebounded onto the floor. In a standing position, he said, the dentist could have easily fired both of those shots into his body without losing consciousness or even falling down. The third and last shot, which penetrated the brain, was the one that killed him.

Dr. Schwartz said that the suicide theory was established as correct by the fact that each injury was a contact wound with severe powder burns. The fact that a very poor make of pistol was used, he said, probably accounted for the failure of two of the bullets to be more effective.

## Prisoners to Be Released.

As a result of Dr. Schwartz's findings it is expected that the three persons being held in connection with the case will be ordered released to-day. They are a motion picture actress calling herself Ruth Jackson, and two young South Americans, Ignacio Marti and Juan Maldonado. The girl was held in the prison ward at Bellevue Hospital yesterday, suffering from a superficial wound that the dentist had inflicted upon her before taking his own life, and Marti was in the West Side prison nursing a bullet grazed shoulder.

Lying upon her hospital cot the girl told the story of the tragedy. She remarked incidentally that Dr. Arenas had informed her that he had murdered a woman in Havana for "being untrue to him."

"I had a quarrel with Dr. Arenas about a week ago," she said. "He snatched a pair of new silk stockings out of my hand and tore them up. To get even I cut up several of his soft collars with a scissors. After that I did not see him for several days."

"I met him on Friday and told him I wanted to get back some clothes that I had left with him. He said that I could have them and suggested that I come to his room with Marti to get them."

"When we got there a strange young man was in the room and Dr. Arenas asked him to leave, as he had some thing important to say to us. When this young man went out Dr. Arenas pulled down the window shade and then went into the back of the room. He took something out of a dresser, and as he turned toward us I saw a flash of a pistol and felt a stinging pain in my chest. As he was still pointing the pistol at me I fell over backward and made believe I was dead."

"I then saw him shoot at Marti and saw Marti jump out of the window. We then heard three more shots. Marti came back and picked me up, and we both jumped out into the front yard. Then I was taken to Roosevelt Hospital, where the bullet was removed and I am now being treated here. The girl concluded her statement with the remark: "If Dr. Arenas is dead it's a mighty good thing. The world is better off without him."

The window ledge from which the wounded girl jumped is about twenty feet above a stone paved yard. The dentist occupied the parlor of a private house. He did not practise there, as was pointed out by a dental laboratory on Fourth street. The room was divided by a curtain so that he could use the rear as a bedroom and the front part as a reception room. In frisk at the couple he stood in the rear of the place. To escape by way of the door it would have been necessary for them to run toward him. As they were beside the front window it was the natural means of escape.

At the house, which is only a block away from the residence where Joseph Byrne Elwell was slain mysteriously on June 11, it was stated that the dentist has lived there but a few days. The housekeeper remarked that she had noticed parts of a woman's apparel in his room.

## Of an Aristocratic Family.

Persons who knew Arenas told the detectives that he had been graduated with honors from the University of Bogota, and that he had come here two years ago. They said that he has an aged mother and brother in Bogota, and that his people are members of the South American aristocracy. There was nothing, however, among the dentist's effects to indicate aristocratic connections, and apparently he did not have much money.

The pistol used was a Belgian army automatic of .38 calibre. A few days ago Arenas told Peter Porres, a friend, that he intended to purchase a pistol because he considered it "a good thing to have around." He also said to Porres, "Ruth is fooling me."

Ruth Jackson, the police were informed, is married to Ernest Schultz, a chauffeur employed by the McGraw Taxicab Company of Toledo, Ohio. She has a mother in Columbus, Ohio. Henry Zimmermann, a chauffeur of this city who knows her, told the police that she had shown him letters in which her mother and husband both implored her to return to them. The husband, he said, recently sent money to her for a return ticket.

Juan Maldonado, who was held yesterday with Marti, is the youth who left Dr. Arenas's office as the pair entered. His story corroborated theirs in several details. He saw the dentist draw the shade and also heard several shots fired as he was walking away. He is 17 years old. Marti is 20.

Officials at Bellevue Hospital stated last night that the girl had received a telegram from her husband in Toledo who had read of the shooting and who wired asking her if he might come on for her. They said that the girl wired back asking him to join her here. She admits, they say, that she was treated at the hospital for alcoholism in June.

## Tries Murder, Commits Suicide.

LEONTERE, Mass., Aug. 1.—John Robinson, 77 years of age, committed suicide to-day after an attempt to murder his wife, who was in bed, by slaying her with a knife and then setting the bed clothes afire.

## NEW B. R. T. ROUTES OPEN IN CONFUSION

Brighton Beach and Fourth Avenue Lines Choked by Uninformed Passengers.

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**FOUND!!**  
A PICTURE AT LAST THAT IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT  
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at the **STRAND**  
Thrills—Laughs—Suspense  
A FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION  
COMEDY—REVIEW—SCENICS  
SOLOISTS ETC.

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vided on the Brighton locals, it did not seem adequate to the throng waiting at Franklin avenue. No sooner would a train come to a stop than men, women and boys fought to get in through the windows. The platform guards were powerless to prevent them. Women and children were torn apart, and their screams could be heard continuously as the mob eddied through the car gates.

Contrary to popular expectation, the new routing of Brighton Beach trains down Flatbush avenue, removing them entirely from Fulton street and Brooklyn Bridge, and the shifting of the Fourth avenue local trains from the Manhattan Bridge to the new Montague street tube, did not prove to be time savers to many travellers. This was due to the changing from one train to the other necessitated by the Sunday and holiday operating schedule. The H. R. T. apologized for this, however, in pamphlets explaining the new routing, and promised through trains without changes when new cars are received from the makers.

A few minutes after 10 o'clock last night a car on one of the East New York expresses bound for Coney Island jumped the switch at Franklin avenue while being shifted to the Brighton tracks, blocking traffic on the Fulton street elevated line in both directions.

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GUARDSMEN BACK IN KHAKI.

Amid cheers of a throng of relatives and friends 1,000 members of the Twenty-third Infantry, National Guard, under Col. Thomas Fairbanks, left the armory at Atlantic and Bedford avenues, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon for Camp Upton, where they will spend two weeks in summer training. More than 90 per cent of the men leaving for the camp served with the Twenty-seventh division overseas, so there will be no novelty for them in the rigorous routine in store for them down the island. Next Sunday will be visitors' day, and their friends will have a chance to see them in actual camp life.

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